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To: All General Officers  
All Commanding Officers  
All Officers in Charge

Subj: YEAR 2000 (Y2K) CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

1. Y2K is my number one priority in ensuring preparedness for real world contingencies at the turn of the century. In order to ensure its operational readiness, the Marine Corps is engaged in a comprehensive program of Y2K systems, network and operational testing and contingency assessments. Generally, the overall consequences of possible Y2K-related problems have been identified. To date we've made great strides in assuring installation and system readiness and have conducted Y2K OpEvals, through the COMMARFORs, to ensure we can meet our missions.

2. Nonetheless, specific impacts of Y2K may not be recognized until after 1 January 2000. Accordingly, it is prudent that commanders continue to consider and plan Y2K operations and procedures as for any potential emergency. Y2K consequence management is an emergency response plan. At a minimum, commanders should address the following issues:

(a) Review local installation preparedness plans with focus on areas likely impacted by Y2K failures such as water treatment, communications and security systems.

(b) Review with respect to Y2K impact, MOAs/MOUs for support to and from civil authorities and commercial suppliers and agreements with local vendors for all goods and services, particularly for just-in-time deliveries.

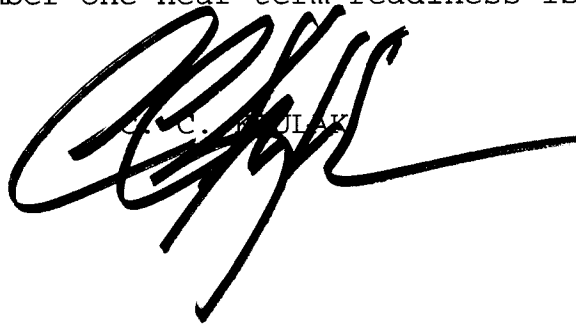
(c) Review force deployment plans and schedules.

3. Consistency of message, delivered in a sustained way using various mediums, will build confidence in the Corps' efforts and reduce/mitigate concerns about Y2K-related problems. The Division of Public Affairs will conduct a comprehensive and sustained information campaign through early CY 2000. Additionally, MARADMIN 250/99, "Y2K Consequence Management Plan, Phase One-Awareness," addressed readiness and consequence management reporting chains, contract support, T/E and T/A shortfalls, and the use of Reserves. The plan will be updated on 15 July, 1 September and 15 November.

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4. Local commanders will tailor these plans to their respective installations and commands, to include responses to media and public inquiries. Of particular concern is our individual family preparedness, especially deploying/deployed Marines and OCONUS personnel. Toward this end, commanders should ensure that these Marines and their families are prepared well in advance of deployment, and that command/family information programs and networks are exercised as early as possible. A special effort is needed to ensure appropriate community leaders are kept informed of Corps and neighboring command Y2K initiatives.

5. It is our responsibility as leaders to care for our Marines and their families in face of the potential problems Y2K may pose. As we near the end of this calendar year we will continue to focus on Y2K operational testing, validating contingency plans and educating our Marine Corps family. I am confident in our ability to minimize this problem. Our focus remains readiness and I consider Y2K our number one near-term readiness issue.



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